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SUBJECT: SECRETARIAL VISITS - HOTEL RESERVATIONS

1. HILTON EXECUTIVE MANAGER HAS INFORMED US THAT HOTEL WILL REQUIRE MINIMUM REPEAT MINIMUM OF ONE WEEK'S NOTICE EITHER TO CONFIRM RESERVATIONS FOR FUTURE SECRETARIAL VISITS OR TO POSTPONE/CANCEL RESERVATIONS PREVIOUSLY MADE.

2. MANAGER EXPLAINED THAT HOTEL HAS TAKEN UP TO \$1000 LOSS ON SOME OF PAST VISITS WHEN RESERVATIONS FOR 80 ROOMS REQUIRED FOR SECRETARY'S VISIT HAVE HAD TO BE CHANGED AT LAST MINUTE. IF WEEK'S NOTICE CANNOT BE GIVEN ON SCHEDULE CHANGES FOR FUTURE VISITS, HE INFORMS US THAT WE MUST BE PREPARED TO PAY FOR ANY PREVIOUSLY RESERVED ROOMS THAT GO UNSOLD.

3. ALTHOUGH THE HILTON HAS BEEN MOST COOPERATIVE IN THE PAST IN MAKING REQUIRED SPACE AVAILABLE ON SHORT NOTICE FOR LARGE VISITS, CAIRO'S CONTINUING ROOM SHORTAGE CRISIS MAKES IT DIFFICULT FOR HOTEL TO BE SO ACCOMMODATING IN FUTURE. WITHOUT ONE WEEK'S NOTICE, HOTEL CANNOT GUARANTEE AVAILABILITY OF REQUIRED 80 ROOMS; WE WILL NO DOUBT HAVE EVEN GREATER DIFFICULTY SECURING ROOMS AT ANY OTHER HOTEL.

4. DEPT MAY WISH TO INCORPORATE ABOVE IN PLANNING AND BUDGETING FOR FUTURE VISITS OF SECRETARY OF STATE.
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